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In late July and early August 1954 there were many jet planes at Tachiaochang Airfield, Nanking, and the number of landings and takeoffs had markedly increased over previous months. Single-engined aircraft took off from the field in groups ranging from two to eight; twin-engined aircraft took off in groups of three to nine. Anti-aircraft searchlights around the field were frequently in use.

Comment. This report is somewhat difficult to appraise. Tachiaochang is not normally a jet base and it is believed that TU-2 strength there has substantially decreased since the summer of this year. However, there may have been substantial in-transit traffic during the period source allegedly observed the field. Source has been directed to report on this field on a continuing basis and future reports should establish his reliability more clearly.

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